

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegation of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal Conspiracy against certain P&E officials of Chittoor District for their involvement in liquor syndicate case – Disciplinary action initiated – Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries - Inquiry Report received – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 137

Dated: 10-03-2021

Read the following:-

- 1) From the D.G., A.C.B., Letter R.c.No.65/RCO-TCT/2012, dated:05.11.2012 (Cr.No.4/RCO-TCT/2012).
- 2) Govt. Memo No.49991/Vig.V(2)/2012-2, Rev(Vig.V)Dept. dated:21.12.2012.
- 3) From the D.G., A.C.B., Letter R.c.No.65/RCO-TCT/2012, dated:29.04.2013.
- 4) Proceedings Rc.No.A1/566/2013-3, Dated:11.06.2013 of the Deputy Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Kurnool.
- 5) G.O.Rt.No.293 Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:24.04.2015.
- 6) G.O.Rt.No.294 Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:24.04.2015.
- 7) G.O.Rt.No.441 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dated:09.04.2018.
- 8) G.O.Rt.No.667 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dated:21.05.2018.
- 9) G.O.Rt.No.864 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dated:16.08.2019.
- 10) From Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise Letter in Cr.No.4/2019/CPE/C4, dated: 26.03.2019 along with orders dated 28-12-2018 in W.P.No.47205/2018 filed before Hon'ble High Court by Sri M.Chandrasahudu, Excise Inspector (Retired).
- 11) G.O.Rt.No.1118 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dated:07.11.2019.
- 12) From Sri R.P.Sisodia, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, COI (FAC) D.O.Lr.No.179/COI-RPS/2019, dated 10.02.2020 along with inquiry report.
- 13) G.O.Rt.No.221 Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 13.02.2020.

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ORDER:

Whereas the Anti-Corruption Bureau authorities have registered a case under prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against certain Prohibition & Excise Officials of Chittoor district on the allegations of criminal misconduct and corruption for their involvement in liquor syndicate case. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, in his final report, has recommended for departmental proceedings against the following Prohibition & Excise Officials of Chittoor district , along with Sri N.V.Ramana Reddy, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Rtd); Sri A.Jagannatha Naidu, P&E Inspector (Rtd) and Sri N.C.Narasimaha Reddy, P&E Inspector (Rtd.), Chittoor dist. Further action was dropped against the said three Prohibition & Excise officials under Rule 9(2) (b)(ii) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980, vide G.O.Rt.No.1645, dtd 27.11.2018:

1. Sri C.Ashok Kumar, P&E Supdt.,
2. Sri G.Jagannatha Reddy, AES, Incharge ES
3. Sri K.A.B.Sastri, ES, Tirupathi FAC ES
4. Sri S.Nageswara Rao, AC, FAC ES
5. Sri P.Sai Prasad, AES (Retd)
6. Sri N.Bhaskar Reddy, Excise Inspector, Incharge AES
7. Sri M.Siva Prasad, AES.
8. Sri N.Chandrasahudu, Excise Inspector, Incharge AES
9. Sri M.Ravi Kumar Reddy, Excise Inspector, Incharge AES
10. Sri K.Venkata Subbaiah, AES.,
11. Sri K.Babu Sridhar, Excise Inspector, Incharge AES
12. Sri Chandra Sekhar Reddy, Excise Inspector, Incharge AES

2. After examining the recommendations of the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Government have decided to place them on their defense before Commissioner of Inquiries and requested the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau to furnish Draft Article of Charges in respect of charged officers directly to the competent authority i.e., Government/Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise Department and Deputy Commissioner of , Prohibition & Excise Department, Kurnool vide reference 2nd read above.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has furnished draft Article of Charges in respect of charged officers. Accordingly, the competent

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authorities i.e., Government/Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise Department, and Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise Department have framed Article of Charges against the above said charged officer under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

4. In the reference 5th to 9th read above, the disciplinary case in respect of the above charged officers was entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries to inquire into the charges framed against them.

5. In the reference 11th read above, while accepting the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries orders have been issued duly dropping further action against Sl.No.8 i.e., Sri M.Chandrasudhu, Excise Inspector (Retired).

6. In the reference 12th read above the Commissioner of Inquiries has furnished Inquiry report and in his conclusion the Commissioner of Inquiries held," in the context of the analysis of the charges as above, the fact that conclusive proofs are not available against the charged officers, in the interest of natural justice and considering that the charged officers have already undergone enough mental agony and lost chances of promotions, and many of them have either retired or are on the verge of retiring, Inquiring Authority as the Commissioner of Inquiry hold that department has not been able to prove the case against the charged officers and they deserve to be exonerated from the charges".

7. Government after careful examination of the matter duly consulting the competent authority as per Andhra Pradesh Vigilance scheme, have accepted the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries and decided to drop further action against the Charged Officers concerned. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against the following Charged Officers and Prohibition & Excise Officials of Chittoor District :-

1. Sri C.Ashok Kumar, P&E Supdt.,
2. Sri G.Jagannatha Reddy, AES, Incharge ES
3. Sri K.A.B.Sastri, ES, Tirupathi FAC ES
4. Sri S.Nageswara Rao, AC, FAC ES
5. Sri P.Sai Prasad, AES (Retd)
6. Sri N.Bhaskar Reddy, Excise Inspector, Incharge AES
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10. Sri K.Babu Sridhar, Excise Inspector, Incharge AES
11. Sri Chandra Sekhar Reddy, Excise Inspector, Incharge AES

8. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To

The individuals through Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada(with request to serve the orders and furnish the served copy to Government for record) The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Deputy Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise Department, Kurnool.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi.

The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi @ Vijayawada.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Government Pleader for Services, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Amaravati.

The General Administration (RPS)Department, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi.

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SECTION OFFICER